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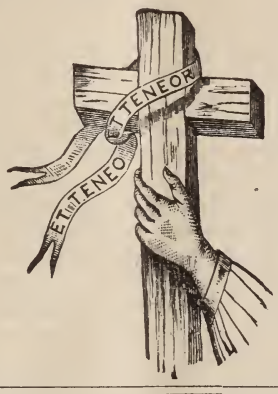

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North American Indians.

THE PROBLEM SOLVED.

Is it not true that the Indian, about whom our brothers declaimed, and who formed the theme of at least a yearly essay in our school-girl days, is just as mythical a being now as then? The sentiment has strengthened with the years; and "Lo, the poor Indian" is only a poor Indian, worthy, it may be, of our pity, but doomed. Conscience seems to be long in waking to duty in this direction. A few simple facts drawn from reliable sources may form a basis on which to build a life-long interest.

A recent letter from Versailles, N. Y., written by one of our earnest workers among the *Senecas*, Mrs. S. S. Trippe, throws a ray of light upon the darkened minds of the Christians in our churches who have drawn between themselves and the Indians a triple veil of ignorance, prejudice and contempt.

"God has been working in our midst. Matters looked very dark here last summer, while my husband spent more than one-third of his time on the road from reserve to reserve, preaching—giving to each of five reserves one Sunday a month. The committee on this mission offered this church my husband's services every Sabbath for a year if they would raise $200 for self-support. They felt they could not raise it. With all earnest-

ness Mrs. Wright worked among the people, persuading them to do what they could; in a short time, with the help of a Christian Indian woman, $230 was pledged, and much of it paid. So the people gave of their substance, and gave themselves to God. An Indian boy, seventeen years old, who is earning a little here and there to clothe himself, and is saving what he can to go away to school, when this matter was mentioned to him as being doubtful, replied, '*Of course* they can raise it; I will give five dollars toward it.' He has since come out an earnest Christian. Some time he counted the cost, and then, before a scoffing father, and from the ranks of many unconverted associates, he came out on the Lord's side, not impulsively, but with a quiet firmness which I trust will lead him on to victory and make him of great service.

"Services every night began with the week of prayer, and were marked by the presence of God. Meetings continued nearly five weeks, and many penitent souls came to God. The blessed work has not ceased, and we hope to see a continual turning to God.

"Our Sabbath-school has had encouragement in the shape of Lesson Leaves from the Board of Publication, a library from Rochester, and Sabbath-school papers."

Mr. Robinson "gleans" from *The Century* the following interesting facts related by Edward Eggleston:

"A regular life has always proved not only irksome but unwholesome to the Indian. Caucasians have been acclimated to civilization only by the slow advance of centuries. A rapid reduction to a civilized state is a passage from extreme to extreme without the intervening mean. The moral and economic improvement wrought in the condition of the Indians in New England and on Long Island has produced a gradual and almost total extinction of the red race; the white man's virtues are nearly as fatal to the Indian as his vices.

"Toward the close of the seventeenth century, and in the early years of the eighteenth, the experiment of giving a liberal training to Indian youth was tried for many years in the college of William and Mary, in which a professorship for their benefit was founded by a legacy of the famous Robert Boyle; and Governor Spotswood established at his own expense an Indian school among the Saponies, where, about 1720, as many as seventy-seven children were under the teaching of the excellent Charles Griffin. But the Indian students at William and Mary died from uncongenial surroundings, or relapsed into savagery; and Spotswood's school had no other result than that of making the Saponies a little more cleanly than other Indians."

Over against this attempt to rapid transformation Mr. Eggleston sets the labors of that man of God, John Eliot, the famous apostle

to the Indians, whose courage, sagacity and self-denial are the highest glory of early New England Puritanism:

"The lapse of time which dims the fame of the eloquence of Cotton and Hooker, and the advance of thought which makes the debates of the great Synod of Cambridge puerile nonsense, and the learning of Norton and the Mathers of little account, only increase the lustre of the Roxbury preacher. His patient devotion made the wilderness of barbarism to blossom with Indian villages governed by and striving after regular morality, while his example infused a more humane spirit into the rigorous Puritanism of his time. He remembered that such work must be slow. He had the supreme condescension of strong goodness to the infirmities begotten of savagery and vice. He entertained no false notions of savage character, but felt the hideousness of human barbarism; he even calls the Indians 'the dregs of mankind.' He stooped to win their affections by means suited to their childishness: at the close of his first public interview he gave apples to the children and tobacco to the men. When they wept, he shed tears; his heart was like a mother's to them. The first prayer he was able to utter in their tongue touched their stolid natures profoundly. They would sometimes be awake all night from the excitement caused by his sympathetic discourses. It is impossible even now to read without emotion his narrative of the awakening of conscience in some of the Indians, of the confession of faults, and the tearful reconciliation of domestic quarrels."

On one reservation in the West there are 4100 Apaches; the women, slaves; and none, men nor women, are cognizant of a Supreme Being; their idea of heaven being a place of "much singing and many pumpkins." Would it be strange if their imagination excluded the white man from heaven, while there rankles in their hearts the fact that the white man's whisky has made many drunkards; the white man's government has broken with them nearly *nine hundred treaties*, and has spent five hundred millions of dollars in trying to subdue them, in butchering many thousands, and in rousing the evil passions of thousands more? Over 260,000 still remain for us, their neighbors, to save or to destroy. Secretary Stanton, referring to Indian wrongs, sent word to Bishop Whipple, "When you can reach the *heart of the people* these wrongs will end." Says Bishop Whipple, "I have asked scores of brave officers who have grown gray in the service if they knew of a single instance where Indians have been the first to break the treaty, and they have always answered, 'No.'"

Grand institutions are Carlisle and Hampton, but let us pray most earnestly that the efforts of the National Indian Association, and all similar endeavors to establish schools in the very midst of

the Indian tribes, may be blessed. Nothing can equal the refining influences of the missionary's home and school; through this personal contact they may learn that the white man's heart is not all treachery, not all greedy for gain, not all bloodthirsty.

OLIVE HARVEST.

MRS. WILLIAM BIRD.

THE people about us on these mountains depend mainly for their livelihood upon their silkworms and the produce of their olive trees. The raising of the former occupies about two months in the spring, and the gathering of the olives from three to four months in the autumn and early winter. The olive, like many other trees, yields only every other year. This was the bearing year, and the people have been very busy harvesting the precious berries, which they pick up as fast as they fall from the trees. To do this they go out two or three times a week. Women and children start early with their baskets, and often have a long walk, off on the mountains or down into the valley, over steep, rough roads, before they come to their trees. Then the busy work commences. During the early part of the season, when the days are bright and warm, all this is very pleasant, but after the rains come and the winds grow cold, it is by no means play. Fingers ache and get numb, and many a party comes home after a sudden shower with soaked feet and dripping clothes. We went out with the women several times this year (they are always pleased when we take an interest in their work); once with Halla (Beauty), one of our church members, and a special favorite. Her trees were a long way down the valley towards a neighboring village, but the air was invigorating, and the walk gave us fine exercise. Arrived at the spot we all set to work in good earnest, picking up the berries, one by one, from among the stones and coarse clods. The ground under the olive trees must be plowed over every year, and so is very rough. Meanwhile Halla sang to us the olive pickers' song, a sort of "Mother Goose" ditty, which the women sing to each other and to their children. Translated it runs thus:

"Oh, ye hands, move lightly, lightly;
Hurry, the basket fill.
On hands that are folded idly,
Boiling water shall spill.
But working hands
Piastres and money shall earn."

It takes a good many berries to fill a basket, and the low stooping is not an easy posture. Hired pickers receive only ten cents per day, and well do they earn it. In former times they were paid in olives; every tenth basket they filled they took for themselves.

When through with our task we rested awhile in the cool shade of one of the trees, and enjoyed the lovely prospect of mountain and sea spread out before us. About sunset we started for the ascent home. Other pickers were returning by the same road—women with heavy baskets upon their shoulders, and men and boys with loaded animals; but the donkeys soon gained on us, and we were left in the rear. The women were often obliged to sit down and relieve their aching shoulders, but the village was gained at last, and on parting, Halla filled a small basket with olives and gave it to us, laughingly saying it was our hire. We accepted the gift, and have the fruit preserved in little jars for table use.

About the middle of January the olives still remaining on the trees are beaten off with sticks. With the gathering of these the work of the women and children ceases, and they have a season of leisure till April or May, when the silk-worms must be cared for. The people have no barns or cellars, so a corner of the often but one room of the house receives the olives, and when the heap becomes a large one they are taken to the mill, where the oil is pressed out. A selected supply is prepared with salt and put up in earthen jars, and many a contented meal is made by the hardy mountaineers with these as the only relish with their thin dry bread. The mills and presses have not yet finished their work, and mules and donkeys with their greasy-looking loads, skin bottles with coarse coverings, not only filled but saturated with oil, pass our windows every day on their way to the oil merchants and soap-making establishments in Beirut.

Until the introduction of kerosene, olive oil in little earthenware lamps lighted every mountain dwelling. In Arab cooking it is a very important article. Fish and vegetables are fried in it, and many a dainty mixture, according to native taste, depends upon this for its appetizing flavor.

Those who plant these trees do a work for future generations, and are not we and the societies who contribute to our schools doing the same? If progress sometimes seems slow, let us not be discouraged, for in the "fullness of time" the harvest will surely be gathered.

A TRUE WITNESS-BEARER.

A LONG, long train of thought grows out of the close reading of this letter.

Could the American church know the part that two of its daughters have had in the moulding of the three lives referred to, it would exclaim, "Surely, truth *is* stranger than fiction." If the

supporters (in the Walnut Street Society, Philadelphia, and the Church of the Covenant, New York) could have clasped hands with these two around that death-bed, they might, perhaps, have learned, what they can never know here, the *telling power* of their gifts and their prayers. Ah, tired, faint, discouraged workers! as you meet, only two or three it may be, in your monthly missionary gatherings, when heart and flesh fail because of the weariness of the way, think of Im Faris; recall the triumphant "Yes, I'm coming;" thank God and take courage.

Beirut Seminary, Syria, April, 1883.

The sun shines to-day on a new-made grave in our native Protestant cemetery, and another soul "shines in the light of God," redeemed from among this people. Another has passed from our midst whose life was a noble testimony to the power of divine grace and the blessedness of our Christian hope. It seems but right that you who pray daily with us for the salvation of the daughters of Syria should have the benefit of the encouragement we find in the story of the one who has just passed calmly, fearlessly, gladly, from earth to heaven. She was one of the multitude widowed in the terrible massacre of 1860, in Mount Lebanon, who fled for their lives, with their fatherless children, to the cities of the coast. She had three under six years of age; two boys, and an infant of a few months whom other women among the refugees urged her to leave by the roadside to die because she was "only a girl!" But she spurned the cruel suggestion that others, called by that holy name mother, acted upon. She preferred to risk dying by the wayside herself in the effort to save *all* her children. The unusually strong constitution she possessed, her heroic spirit, and unbounded energy, not only carried her safely through all the horrors of those days, but through years of bitter struggle with biting poverty and of weary toil to support her family. In God's good providence she found her employment in Christian families, English and American, and the atmosphere of those homes refined her feelings, and led the ambitious mother's aspirations for her children in a laudable direction. She saw the value of an education, and gladly availed herself of the advantages offered in the mission schools of Jerusalem and Beirut. At the same time she was above accepting for them anything her own hands could earn. Unusually straightforward and upright, she trained her children to be the same. She lived to see them all graduate in college or seminary, and all started in life in honorable positions, and provided with a pleasant home, the fruit of her own industry and theirs, and all striving to serve God in their daily life.

Of the beginning of the Spirit's work in her heart I never knew.

But we all knew of her beginning about five years since, and after she was forty, to learn to read, *just to read the word of God.* She toiled away most patiently, spelling out chapter after chapter, when even her own children at times laughed amiably at the endeavor, as if it were a hopeless one. In time she committed to memory two or three entire chapters of John's Gospel, and some of the most precious promises, which she took great comfort in repeating during her last illness, after she became too weak for the effort of reading. She was received into the church about the time she began to learn to read; and though disease soon began to undermine her constitution, and her years of service for the Master were soon numbered, they were years of decided growth and of fidelity in standing up for Jesus as she had opportunity. In spite of the cough that attends consumption, she was an earnest teacher of the gospel to the poor, ignorant women of the Ras Beirut sewing-class, just as long as she had strength to meet with them. They always met at her house, and through all the months that she was confined to her bed she would not allow the suspension of the class, though others felt that even their noise in an adjoining room was too much for her. It was in her sick-room the most impressive lessons were taught by her. According to the custom of the country, and in compliance with her wish to spare others' feelings, native friends, young and old, visited her with entire freedom. Many of them had never before had such an opportunity to see what Jesus is to the soul that leans on Him, when drawing near the bound of life. Most of them were mere nominal Christians, fearing death, and accustomed to see every art used to deceive the dying because of their alarm at the thought of death. They were amazed at her calm, cheerful way of speaking about it, and arranging her business matters in view of it, and her daily prayer that God would "put out His hand" and release her. One young man, a nominal Protestant, intimate in the family, one who had long been harassed by doubts, and was in danger of becoming quite unsettled in his faith, said, "I cannot doubt the reality of the Christian religion after seeing this triumph of it." She was unhesitating in urging the impenitent to come to Christ, and her repeated charge to her children was "Live for Christ. There's nothing but Christ worth living for." The morning of her release she said with a perfectly clear mind, "They are coming for me at twelve." Later, after having remained some time silent, she seemed suddenly to have her attention attracted; her countenance brightened, and gazing intently upward, she said, "Yes, I'm coming." That was an unspeakable comfort to her sorrowing children. "It gave me," said one of them, "the assurance I've always sought but never felt before, that we do not go *alone* out into the unknown."

He *felt* that there was an unseen presence with her that was all-sufficient.

Strangely enough, the "silver cord was loosed" just at twelve o'clock. E. D. EVERETT.

ALL THINGS DONE DECENTLY AND IN ORDER.

MISS JENNIE DEAN.

I HAVE to-day attended one of our "woman's meetings." Mrs. Shedd and I left at nine o'clock A. M., and after a half hour's ride in the sleigh, arrived at Dizza, where the meeting was to be held. We went at once to the church. A little fire in the stove (borrowed for the occasion) made us quite comfortable. There was not an article of furniture in the church except the stove and the matting. There was no pulpit, chair or table. A chair was afterwards brought for the president.

The two small windows on one side were covered with paper, through which the small boys poked their fingers and peeped. After a little time the women began to come from the different villages. At ten o'clock the president, who is the wife of one of our native preachers, opened the meeting by singing, reading and prayer. The secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting, after which we listened to a short sensible paper on "Caring for the Health of Children." Many of the women spoke freely and with much feeling. So many little ones die here for want of proper care that I doubt not many were benefited by considering the subject. Between the remarks were frequent prayers and occasionally singing. The second subject was "How to read the Bible with most profit." After the reading of an essay by one of our school-graduates the women again spoke freely on the subject. One widow said, "When my husband was alive I did not think so much of my Bible, but now it takes his place to me. When I take my four little girls alone and sit down with them to prayers and afterwards continue my reading, I cannot tell you how precious the word of God is to me." This subject was closed by reading the parable of the "Prodigal Son." Each read her verse as I called her name, and all seemed deeply interested.

At one o'clock we had recess for dinner. The forty guests were taken to different houses, none of us walking farther than three blocks, if I may speak of such narrow, muddy, filthy, crooked streets as being measured by blocks. At half past two o'clock all were again in the church, with about twenty more women, twelve of them Mussulmans. The first subject was "Giving" We had

fourteen questions written on slips of paper with one or two appropriate texts. These were distributed and read when called for by Mrs. Shedd, who made remarks and explanations on each. After this the work among the women in the eight villages represented was reported by the delegates. Then Kasha Syad, the pastor, made very impressive remarks, summing up the principal points of the three subjects considered. A collection was taken up, amounting to $2.50. The place for the next meeting was chosen, and we closed at four o'clock with singing "My days are gliding." Mrs. Shedd and I both thought it the best meeting of the kind we have ever attended. The president did so well that I scarcely helped her at all, which was a great relief to me. All the women who took part spoke well, briefly and to the point. We really feel proud of our Nestorian women. Every woman there walked through the snow, some five miles, and returned at night. I think my greatest pleasure to-day was to look around at the different faces, all so familiar to me, and to see the delight expressed in them as Mrs. Shedd was talking. It seemed to me that many were saying by their looks "Isn't it good to be here?"

It was a great satisfaction to me to hear these women, most of them untaught in the schools, often express just what was in my heart to say to them, better than I could have said it myself.

MISSIONARY LADIES AMONG THE NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS.

REPRESENTING THE W. F. M. S.

Mrs. Asher Wright, Seneca Mission.	Miss Nancy Hunter, Dakota Mission.
Mrs. M. F. Trippe, " "	Miss S. L. McBeth, Nez Perces "
Mrs. Isaac Baird, Chippewa "	Miss Kate McBeth, " "
Miss J. B. Dickson, Dakota "	Mrs. G. L. Deffenbaugh, " "
Miss C. C. McCreight, Dakota "	Miss Adeline Ramsey, Seminole "
Mrs. J. P. Williamson, " "	Miss M. Diament, Seminole "

REPRESENTING THE W. P. B. M. OF THE NORTHWEST.

Miss S. A. Dougherty, Odanah, Wis.	Mrs. A. E. W. Robertson, Muscogee, Indian Ter.
Mrs. M. E. Chapin, Poplar Creek Agency, Montana Ter.	Miss Anna Skea, Tama City, Ia.
Miss Marion McClarry, Ashland, Wis.	

Tidings from our Workers.

Miss M. C. Fetter, Omaha Agency.—Our dear Lizzie, one of the first members of this Indian church, and a consistent one, was suddenly called away from our fellowship to that o the redeemed. She was here to see me Friday noon, and on the early dawn of the

Lord's day she was called, we trust, to that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. She has been a physical sufferer for years, but for the past winter was quite well. She was a happy Christian, purified through suffering. We have had many pleasant conversations; her hope was bright and her faith strong always. During the last call I had from her she spoke of sickness and death as only passports to that better land. She raised her eyes and pointed up, saying there she would be well. I feel I have lost a dear friend. I have been in the habit of visiting her ever since I came to the mission, and she always received me with a smile, and her hand, though often suffering great pain. The funeral services were held in our chapel and in the mission burial ground on the hill. Another of our Christian women cannot live long. It certainly behooves us to work while the day lasts.

Mrs. A. E. W. Robertson, Muscogee, Indian Territory.—Good letters from three of my former scholars have greatly cheered me. This work for them with my pen is a very comforting one, now that I am no longer surrounded with the happy crowds who once filled old Tullahassee. I have finished the translation of Hebrews, a precious book, but unusually hard to translate for a people who have as yet none of the Old Testament except comparatively a few verses. I am at work on First Peter now, and it is thrilling also, and not so much easier to translate than Hebrews, as I had hoped it would be. Oh, the poverty of those who have no Bible, or who, having it, do not read it!"

Mrs. Mary Warren, Gwalior, India.—Since the 13th of October we have worshipped within the walls of our church building. These walls are nearly as high as they will need to be for the roof. We outgrew the veranda where we had been worshipping eight years, eight months and a half. I wish you could see the building thus far done. The name, "The Children's Church," is engraved in Hindu and Persian letters upon the lintel of the front door. Crowds of people stand at the doors to hear the children sing. I have more than two hundred children every Sabbath.

Mrs. George S. Bergen, Ambala, India.—Our work in India is up and down work. We think we have something of interest to tell, but by the time the letter reaches the far-away land some untoward circumstances make that very event which was bright and encouraging, delighting our hearts, a source of disappointment and anxiety. A merchant in the cantonments is anxious for a school for girls; three are learning to read in his home, and he offers a room for the school if others can be induced to attend. They grumbled over their fee of four *annas* a month; but this merchant had been paying a half-caste woman three *rupees* a month to teach knitting to his daughter, and here, I said, you get the knitting and

the reading too for only four *annas*. I told them they would take more pains to learn if it cost them something, and they, the girls who had collected in this merchant's home to see me, promised to come.

Our carpenter is giving a feast this week. His brotherhood have treated him so because he did not give a feast at the circumcision of his son, who is a grown-up man. To have peace he must give it. Over eight hundred pounds of rice to be cooked for it. Another carpenter of their brotherhood can have no voice, or his voice has no weight in their caucus, because he failed to give a feast when his father died. He himself is gray-bearded now, but they do not forget, and they twit a man to the bitter end if he fails to comply with their customs.

Mrs. J. M. Goheen, Kolapoor, India.—Your letter asking for tidings of a girl in the Kolapoor school was received a short time ago. The school has been reorganized, and very few of the old scholars attend now. Most of the girls were married in childhood, and they have been obliged to leave school before they advanced very far, to go to their husbands' homes. This one, who left some years ago, is a kindly-natured, intelligent woman, who I think appreciates what we tried to do for her. She has often said that she would like to be a Christian, but I do not think she has ever had any very marked conviction of her need of a Saviour. Her husband and all her relatives are Hindus, and all her surroundings tend to drag her down rather than to lift her up. But I believe when her children are old enough to go to school they will not have to contend with the obstacles that were put in her way. She will encourage and help them, in every possible way, to learn, and to be something more than she herself could attain. If they wish to be Christians I believe she will rejoice. And that much is gained —that much if nothing more. It seems very little, but in this country where the ignorant, bigoted mothers prevent their children from coming to the light, it is something worth noting.

Mrs. Holcomb, Allahabad.—The school at Woodstock seems to grow in favor, and I trust that many of the pupils will become valuable workers. It has been proved that the Eurasians make excellent workers when Christians; so that Woodstock is doing good work. Some of the most efficient workers and most valued members in the Scotch Presbyterian Church in Allahabad were trained in Mrs. Fullerton's school. It must be peculiarly gratifying to Miss Fullerton to hear her parents spoken of in such affectionate terms after so many years. The seed sown by them, it may have been with many tears, has borne much fruit. If we were able to secure efficient workers, either Eurasian or native, we could prosecute our work far more satisfactorily than we are now able to

do. We need at least one good boarding-school for the daughters of our native Christians on the plains. This is one of our *pressing needs*, and until it is supplied we cannot hope for a staff of efficient native workers. Our Methodist brethren are far ahead of us in such matters, having several boarding-schools for their Christian girls on the plains, and many go to their schools who would come to us if we could accommodate them.

Mrs. C. Gault, Benita.—I have but little to record of my own mission work during the year spent at this station. My time has been largely occupied with domestic duties, and with buying food for the school, and giving it out to them, and in trying to keep their bodies covered, either by making garments or cutting them for others to make. My lack of knowledge of the language hinders my usefulness in the school.

We have a Sabbath-school of about fifty members, some of them women. Nine have been admitted to the church in Batanga, and nineteen at Evune. Seven couples were united in *Christian marriage* at B , and eight at E. The work in these churches has been principally carried on by Bible readers.

Mrs. Jennie March, Zahleh.—It is a charming day for Easter, the air soft and spring-like. It is the great feast of the year, and the officials and members of influential families exchange calls. The salutation is "The Lord is risen"; the reply, "And hath appeared unto Simon"; the arrangement of the Arabic sentences being such as to make a sort of rhyme, very pleasing to the Oriental ear. One would think them very devout, but there is no heart in it; they are only parrot-like phrases.

We have had a visit from Mr. Christie, of Marash, Turkey, who has been in the revival work which began there in January, and which has resulted in an ingathering of souls such as is rarely seen in this country. And still the good work goes on quietly but mightily. How it makes us long for such a work among our people! It is true the Holy Spirit is working here; in some parts of the field there is unusual interest, and there are very many earnest seekers after truth. We trust many will be added to our number.

VILLAGE NOTES.

MISS JENNIE ANDERSON.

"ONE star differeth from another star in glory;" so doth one day differ from another in glory, and also in peace and comfort. This has been one of my glorious days! People at home are so mournfully ignorant of the geography of north China that I shall have to explain where I am, before telling about the day. Down the

coast, one hundred miles from Chefoo, is a city called Yung Ching. It is on a promontory that extends far out into the sea and is very rugged. Many ships have been wrecked here—two or three since I came to China. There is now a lighthouse ten miles from the city. I wish it might shed a little light into the minds and hearts of this people.

I arrived here yesterday, and did not like my reception, as only two old women came to see me. But I concluded to try a day in the villages before going on. The cheering words heard as I cleared the street door this morning were, "There are great devils and little devils; this is a little devil!" But when I reached the villages—ah, that was something worth living for! My fame spread abroad very rapidly, the places being near together and children being plenty. These children! they seem to answer all the purposes of telegraph wires, and would pass for railroads if one could only travel by them. But be it here noted that the children were exceptionally well behaved, and to this I owe in a great measure the calm, tranquil state of mind in which I returned to the inn this evening.

I think the people live very comfortably here, for the farming ground is not bad, and with fish, clams, crabs, etc., they seem to have a double chance to get on in the world. Red cloth predominates, too, in a way that makes me think their opportunities are improved. The villages looked quite in holiday attire, though it was no holiday. Small school-boys all wore red trousers; and the pretty little embroidered shoes the girls wore almost, for one brief minute, made me forgive them for binding their feet.

ON THE BENITA RIVER.

Our little Ivaha is no longer with us. During her stay with us she has lost both a brother and her mother by death, and according to fashion, which is all-powerful here as well as in Christian lands, she must go home to take her little share in the mourning ceremonies, etc. Her own health will also be improved, we trust, by a season of freedom from school duties. Whether or when she will return are uncertain matters, but I am sure the good friends interested in her will not feel that their labor was in vain in Ivaha's case, even as we do not. The dear little girl knows how to read God's holy word, has committed a number of hymns and two catechisms for children, as well as made a good commencement on the Assembly's Shorter Catechism. She sews nicely, has learned to wear dresses, and by her civilized manners would be readily distinguished among a group of her heathen companions.

The new girl we propose giving them is still in the rough. If

the class choose they may give her an English name, of which she will be very proud and which will sound the more homelike to us. She has only been with us a few days, seems very kind-hearted, and anxious to learn and to do what is according to rule, but will need a good deal of toning down before she reaches the standard. Last night she nodded so hard in our evening meeting that she nearly fell off the bench on which she was sitting; but when I opened my eyes very wide and shook my head at her, she gave her eyes such a rubbing as almost brought the tears into mine, and she hardly ventured to wink afterward. This morning she is taking her first lesson in sewing; true her stitches are long, but regular, and after a little I will send the children a specimen of her sewing. I hope they will not cease to remember and pray for Ivaha while they give their new girl a warm place in their hearts.

We have come to the close of our warmest season, and are having what we call the middle days, not unlike Indian summer, only of course much warmer, but the same hazy, smoky appearance. And in this connection let me give you a bit of African superstition. Mr. De Heer sent one of our elders, a faithful, earnest man, on a little trip interiorward. He visited a tribe which is still wholly savage, and among whom the name of Jesus is not known. Telling us about his journey he mentioned the case of a poor woman who was lying very ill, almost at the point of death. Her friends said she had swallowed a rainbow, and this dense fog was a result of its action within her. This tribe believes that one person may be possessed of five or six witches, which he may employ for either beneficial or hurtful purposes as the occasion may demand. Just at present among the people with whom we are, Satan's kingdom is divided against itself. One most celebrated witch doctor or diviner accused of bewitching has been shot at and wounded, and is now lying very ill. His name, "Diha ivititi," "eye of darkness," seems especially appropriate for a professor of the black art.

Our own work is much blessed. On Sabbath, Jan. 7, at our communion, fourteen persons were added to our church; a right royal new-year gift. One was the wife of our native teacher. A brother and sister were also among the number, and one, a woman heretofore famous as being an acknowledged leader in all that is evil, we trust, through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, may become a power for good. I am sure you will not fail to remember us to Him in whose hand is the seed-sowing, and who can bless His own word most abundantly. May He strengthen His weak, timid and tempted ones, as they come up out of heathenism into His glorious light. And may He hallow all the work you attempt there, and we here, and may we always realize the presence of the great King, and be strengthened thereby. R. H. De Heer.

SIDE LIGHTS ON MISSION WORK.

The new religious movement in Russia resembles Methodism in its fervor, and as an antidote to Nihilism is regarded favorably by the authorities.

The *Outlook*, of London, says, "Morocco, which is peopled by the finest Moslem race in the world, numbering eight or nine millions, presents a stern wall to the Christian faith. We understand that the emperor will not permit a Christian to live in the interior of his country."

Sitting Bull is about to turn farmer.

In one town in Egypt, such was the hunger of the Copts for the word of God that, failing to find one of their own church to expound it, they engaged a licentiate of the United Presbyterian mission, and made him preach his first sermon over three times. The women disguised themselves in male attire in order to go and hear him.

The right to construct a railroad from Acre to the southern end of the Lake of Galilee, and from thence to Damascus, has just been granted to a Syrian company by the Porte.

There are twenty self-supporting Protestant churches in China, and nearly four hundred which are partially so.

The first Jewish marriage which has taken place in Spain for two hundred years has just been solemnized there.

An establishment for printing cheap Bibles for general distribution occupies the ground in Coldstream, Scotland, where stood the priory from which, in the reign of Henry VIII., the pope published a bull against printing the Scriptures.

The young people in churches contributing to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions gave to its objects over $257,000 in twenty-two years. How much more could have been given by them is shown by the fact that these contributions averaged one cent yearly for each person.

The bloody king of Ashantee has abdicated the throne, and the entire coast is in a state of confusion.

One thousand converts from Romanism have been gathered into Protestant churches in Rome within ten years.

Census returns show that of the 20,336 Cherokee Indians one-half speak English. It is the only language taught in the 107 schools they support. Of the male population, only 16 were hunters, five were fishermen, the great majority being farmers.

Mrs. Anandibal Joshee, a Brahmin lady nineteen years of age, is about to brave the laws of her caste by crossing the ocean. She intends to become a student in the Woman's Medical College in Philadelphia.

War is probable between France and China, consequent on the effort of the former to establish a protectorate in Tonquin. It is impossible to estimate the results to Christianity of any European interference in the affairs of these remote regions.

A GLEAM OF THE ROMANCE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

THE rainy season is always rather trying. Leaking roofs, low damp verandas, spoilt clothing and books, and a host of reptiles, venomous or disgusting, or both, are some of the drawbacks to comfort which counterbalance the enjoyable coolness of the air after a good heavy downpour of rain, and the delightful evening drive after a hot day's work. This summer we have killed no less than six snakes in or quite close to our house, not to mention centipedes and even a scorpion. One snake of a most poisonous species, and more than three feet in length, was found crawling near Miss Strœlin's bedroom; it was speedily killed, and is now in a bottle of spirits of wine on our mantlepiece, an ever-present reminder of our preservation from a great danger. Its skin is most beautifully marked with black rings and dots, and it is really a splendid specimen. The monkeys are often very troublesome in the schools; they jump down from the neighboring roofs and invade our class-rooms in the coolest fashion imaginable. I may be just in the midst of a Scripture lesson, when cries of fear from my pupils and a general commotion make me look round, and I discover a huge, horrid monkey grinning close behind my chair! whereupon, I too am afraid, discipline relaxes, and teacher and pupils alike proceed to act upon the maxim, *sauve qui peut.*—*India's Women.*

MANY of these native Christians have strong faith in prayer. They simply take God at His word, and ask for the things they want. Their prayers are direct and specific, though perhaps lacking in propriety, and sometimes are not to edification. They are not afraid of the sound of their own voices, but take part and do the best they can in the prayer-meetings. One old man, but a young Christian, prayed through the ten commandments. He gave thanks for each one by number, then repeated it, and lastly asked for grace to help us keep it. When he came to the eighth he hesitated, cleared his throat, repeated his thanks, cleared his throat again,—evidently he had forgotten. A sister said to him in a loud whisper, "steal," with which opportune aid he went safely through. —*Mrs. Mateer in Woman's Work, China.*

SUCH let my life be here!
Not marked by noise, but by success alone,
Not known by bustle, but by useful deeds.
Quiet and gentle, clear and fair as light,
Yet full of its all-penetrating power,
Its silent but resistless influence;
Making no needless sound, yet ever working,
Hour after hour, upon a needy world.—*Selected.*

For the Young People.

MANY DAYS AFTER.

A STORY FROM REAL LIFE.

LOIS GORDON went home from a holiday visit to Philadelphia with her heart set on a missionary society. She had been at the meetings at 1334, had heard the report of the past year's work, had caught a glimpse of what was planned for the future, had listened to the glowing words of those just home from the front, and had joined in the earnest prayers that went up to the heavenly Father's throne. She was thoroughly enthused. She felt how good and soul-satisfying it was to ring in with this circle which took in the world and yet was so closely bound together by the Saviour's love. So, on her journey home, she laid her plans for an auxiliary in Shirley. There were difficulties in the way—the church was not a wealthy one, it was in debt and it had never had a missionary society. Lois herself did not exactly see the force of this last objection, though she knew it was considered weighty. In her eager young heart the Master's last command was sounding—"*Go ye.*" Surely in their church it *must* meet *some* response.

Her return home was quite an event in the family circle, and the first evening flew rapidly away while she recounted her little gayeties, the pictures she had seen, the music she had heard, the pleasant acquaintances she had made. Later on the children were tucked away in bed, Mr. Gordon took a book and went into his study, and Lois and Jennie drew up their chairs beside their mother for a quiet chat. Then Lois told of the meetings and broached her cherished plan. Mother and sister were ready with sympathy and interest. Perhaps they saw the difficulties a little more clearly than she did, but they were hopeful, and willing to try what could be done. The three talked the matter over many times during the following days. It was a question whether they should first attempt to organize an auxiliary or a band. Finally they decided on an auxiliary, in which the old and

young could work together. When the plan had assumed definite shape in their own minds they consulted Mr. Gordon as to its feasibility. The pastor shook his head. "The work was a grand one. He would be gratified to see the women of his church engaged in it, but previous efforts to awaken an interest in the missionary cause had been of little avail. Spirituality was at a shockingly low ebb in the congregation, it was with difficulty that the home work was carried on. However, he would be glad to see the plan tried; it might succeed, and it might have a reflex influence for good."

Accordingly the next Sabbath the ladies of the church were surprised to hear themselves invited to the parsonage "to consider the question of taking some organized part in the great work of evangelizing the world." Between that time and the day appointed for the meeting, earnest prayers went up from the hearts of the three most interested. "Would anybody come?" Perhaps personal invitations might induce attendance, and so personal invitations were given. Wednesday afternoon came and with it a respectable number of ladies, young and old; more than Lois had dared to hope for, yet, somehow, the atmosphere was not encouraging. When all had assembled, Mrs. Gordon stated the object of the meeting, and the amount of diplomacy employed by the gentle lady in making the idea of a society alluring, and in steering clear of objections and prejudices, would have done credit to a Bismarck. She closed by trying to impress the duty as well as the beauty of the work upon their minds. Then she asked to hear the opinions of others. Lois thought all hearts must be touched, and waited with her own beating anxiously. There was a blank and ominous silence, which lasted until it grew appalling. Finally, up spoke Mrs. Brown, and she spoke with decision.

"For my part, I think it would be better to be building up the walls of our own Jerusalem than troubling ourselves about the heathen. Debt has been hanging over our church for years, and the pews are not even cushioned."

"And it's a fact patent to all observers that cushions are far more necessary to us than the gospel to the heathen," thought poor Lois.

It was useless to remonstrate. She knew the die had been cast. Mrs. Brown's influence was paramount in the congregation. Mrs. Dean, a lady of original mind, hastened to back her by making the startling assertion that "charity begins at home," and several others chimed in.

"I don't want to discourage the work," continued Mrs. B., "but it would be *my* advice to organize a ladies' aid society." And after some discussion the said society was duly organized.

(*To be continued.*)

TUNGCHOW, CHINA, *February* 12, 1883.

MY DEAR MRS. PERKINS:—Have you any place in your memory for such people as I?—those who "sail away" and do not report to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for more than a year?

Do you remember going to Mrs. Wanamaker's Bible class one Sunday to tell the girls something of the little Chinese girl, *Yinza*, whom they were to support? How little I imagined then that in the years to come I should be living in the house adjoining that school, and should be nearer *Yinza* than to my next-door neighbor at home.

(Mrs. Perkins stops in the midst of her reading, and thinking back over the years, she finds there is "a place in her memory" filled with the image of a fresh, bright face, but little did she know that Sabbath day how her words were sealing themselves upon the mind and heart of *Annie Johnson*.

In the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Philadelphia, in the spring of 1875, she sang her way into many a heart, as, with her father, she rendered in her sweet guileless, girlish way, "I gave my life for thee." Once more, at the annual meeting in Wheeling, in April, 1881, she sang her own soul's consecration in the hymn:

> "Take my life, and let it be
> Consecrated, Lord, to Thee."

Between the years, the leaven was working; the soul had taken to itself the truths she loved to sing; and so, in the fall of 1881, she "sailed away" to make her home in far-away China, of which she tells in this same letter.)

The first thing to tell you about is the coming of a little daughter into our home; she has brought a wonderful amount of love with her. I suppose you have heard before this of the other little one, who has come to Mrs. Smith. In such a place as Tungchow, where there has not been such an event since Bessie Shaw's coming, nearly eight years ago, this advent of two within five weeks of each other creates quite an excitement, so that an English missionary, who is visiting here just now, describes the whole community as being ruled by two babies. A baby in the house is a wonderful attraction, or will be, to the Chinese women. Baby makes no distinctions, or, if she does, they are rather in favor of the Chinese than otherwise; indeed, she has her happiest moments when our woman, Mrs. Wang, is talking to her; and last week when she lay upon my knee, with two little rosy-cheeked, gayly-dressed (as to color) Chinese girls bending over her, she seemed perfectly con-

tent. One would be compelled to learn the language, even though it seemed almost impossible, placed in the position we shall be in, in Wei Hien, for how can we allow the women to come and go without telling them of Jesus? It seems almost overwhelming to think of us young people, so inexperienced, and with so little knowledge of the language and people, commencing such a work, but "His grace is sufficient." There will probably be two schools, one for boys and one for girls, the latter to be under Mrs. Mateer's care. Mr. Laughlin will then probably have the boys' school, and he and I hope that I may find work to do there. It seems best, however, to defer opening that until we are more proficient in the language, and are a little better prepared for such a work. In a very few weeks now we expect to say good-by to Tungchow, and turn our faces westward. The months spent here have been the happiest ones in my life, and every day has been crowded full of blessings; but these months, I know, are only an earnest of what is before us if we are spared, even for many years; for the same loving Father who has led us all our life long has all the days in His keeping, so we are perfectly sure they will bring us only what is best. I hope they will be filled, more than these days have been, with seed-sowing for the Master; but I know these days of preparation and of doing the "next thing" are not lost, if all has been "for Him."

This is just the season of the Chinese New Year, so there are a great many interesting things to see and to tell, but I will leave that to the others. One of my experiences included my first attempt at eating Chinese food, with the acception of a little candy and a "moon-cake." Until you have seen "gooza," you can have little idea of my feelings last week, when, after accepting the school-girls' invitation to eat their New Year's feast with them, I found myself seated on the edge of a "kong," a pair of chop-sticks in one hand and a bowl containing three "goczas" in the other; these are a three-cornered dumpling, enclosing pork and cabbage, and there must have been some onions about mine, judging by the flavor; by taking enormous mouthfuls and resolutely shutting my eyes to what each one contained, I disposed of almost an entire "gooza," but I assure you I had to choke it down, and indeed my eyes were filled with tears, the effort was so great. Fortunately it was not necessary for me to eat the other two, although if I had done so the girls would have been even more gratified. As it "never rains but it pours," an invitation to a feast to be given next Thursday, in a private house, came to-day, so it may be this experience will prove a good preparation for what is before me.

With much love, I am yours,

ANNIE K. LAUGHLIN.

THE MAY MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA.

Did our eyes deceive us as we saw mothers, and leaders of bands, and Sabbath-school teachers, marshalling their little ones and older ones to this foreign missionary meeting, until the Tabernacle Church was filled, even to scores in the galleries?

The "responsive reading" gave us anew our authority and the groundwork of all this beautiful work of missions. The second meeting of the "Missionary Round Table" showed how the taste, tact, and talent of our young ladies are turning to the things which make for their own growth in grace, and for the rescue of the millions from darkness. The earnestness of tone and manner was a revelation of heart and of conscience. The discovery which they made to each other of the difficulties and discouragements, of the hopes and fears, of their methods of interesting others and of drawing them into their meetings, of the little arts they use to secure subscriptions to the magazines, all this showed a surprising versatility of plans, and a power of winning souls which we could only hope might be fully utilized.

This Round Table was a very concise, pleasant, social way of presenting the numerous points of discussion on "ways and means" which arise in missionary meetings. Any group of young ladies can devise a similar one who have the heart, and who can "spend time" to do it.

The map exercise by the Henry Band of boys was a particularly pleasing feature of the meeting, because they *are boys.* The query came forcing itself on the mind and conscience, *Where are the leaders* for the multitudes of bright boys who are only waiting to be led out into this mission work? As the map-drawer sketched the map of Brazil, while the other members dictated, with its pictures of Protestant churches, its open Bibles, its beckoning hand, and the chain lying shattered at the feet of the children, indicative of the emancipation of the children of Brazil from slavery, earnest prayers were going up from full hearts that some of these might be chosen for the building up of the church militant, and that the hand that beckons "Come over and help us" may lead them on to conquer the hosts for the Lord.

Mrs. Layyah Barakat, of Syria, and Mr. Scott, of East India, appealed to the hearts of even the most stolid. Who can ever forget Layyah's imploring tones, "Oh, my dear friends, we want more work, *more give, more pray!*"

The singing was inspiring, and Dr. McCook's opening and closing remarks evinced the true pastor's sympathy with the work and with the young people. It was fitting that the veteran missionary, Dr. Brodhead, should pronounce the benediction. Thus closed the fourth and *best* May meeting.

At Home.

THE NICHE FILLED.

THE August number of our magazines will go out bearing the name of the new editor.

Giving up her chosen occupation and her home in Newark, N. J., Miss Mary I. Lombard enters upon the work, which involves more of time and tact, strength and talent, than our readers are aware, burdened with a sense of responsibility, and shrinking from attempting to fill the gap made by the death of our faithful Miss Thompson; but she takes it up joyfully, as at the Master's bidding. We bespeak for her the loving, prayerful support of every reader who desires the magazines to be a true heart-index of our work.

NOTHING TO SHOW.

BY MARY H. ROWLAND.

"My day has all gone"—'twas a woman who spoke,
As she turned her face to the sunset glow—
"And I have been busy the whole day long;
Yet for my work there is nothing to show."

No painting or sculpture her hand had wrought;
No laurel of fame her labor had won.
What was she doing in all the long day,
With nothing to show at set of the sun?

What was she doing? Listen; I'll tell you
What she was doing in all the long day:
Beautiful deeds too many to number;
Beautiful deeds in a beautiful way;

Womanly deeds that a woman may do,
Trifles that only a woman can see,
Wielding a power unmeasured, unknown,
Wherever the light of her presence might be.

She had rejoiced with those who rejoiced,
Wept with the sad, and strengthened the weak;
And a poor wanderer, straying in sin,
She in compassion had gone forth to seek.

Unto the poor her aid had been given,
Unto the weary the rest of her home;
Freely her blessings to others were given,
Freely and kindly to all who had come.

Humbly and quietly all the long day
Had her sweet service for others been done;
Yet for the labor of heart and of hand
What could she show at set of the sun?

Ah, she forgot that our Father in heaven
Ever is watching the work that we do,
And record He keeps of all we forget,
Then judges our work with judgment that's true;

For an angel writes down in a volume of gold
The beautiful deeds that all do below.
Though nothing she had at set of the sun,
The angel above had something to show.

THE PRESBYTERIAL CONFERENCE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN SYRACUSE.

THE meeting of the officers of the Parent society with the Presbyterial daughters was one of mutual strengthening. Held in the chapel, with the chairs drawn closely together (there's a power in it), all felt the magnetism of a face-to-face talk. Each was a gleaner; each seemed to feel that "handfuls of purpose" were "let fall for her," to take home for the future sustenance of her Presbyterial family. Questions and answers flew thick and fast. Of the rich harvest of thought and suggestion, we winnowed the following practical points, which we give, with one or two others gratuitously thrown in, under oft-repeated queries.

How can a larger number of the names on the churches' roll be *enticed* to the societies' roll?

In addition to personal visitation, that rarely fails of success, the circular letter, which was presented at the Annual Meeting of 1882, for circulation in auxiliaries, should be sent to every member, not neglecting the new comers. This has been done largely, with good results.

Young ladies have been induced to copy the letter, their interest being enlisted in the meantime by the impression received from the contents.

The written circular takes deeper hold than the printed.

Mothers' hearts may be touched through the work of the children in bands.

Request pastors to preach at least an annual sermon on Foreign Missions, dwelling specially on "woman's work for woman." (An instance was cited of a pastor's preaching a most effective sermon on the subject; the text, "Be ye all of one mind.")

A young lady suggested sending all the "uninterested" to an annual meeting of *something or other*, either of the auxiliary, of the Presbyterial or of the Parent society!

How can the mass of our women be induced to read missionary literature?

Choose agents of the magazines who will do their duty; visiting

yearly from house to house to renew subscriptions and gain new ones. Distribute leaflets broadcast.

If practicable, have a Presbyterial or an auxiliary library.

Introduce missionary books into the Sabbath-school library. (An instance was given of a few being placed in a small Sabbath-school library, and the librarian's remark was quoted: "I can never lay my hands upon one of them, for they are spoken for from Sabbath to Sabbath among the children, and exchanged so rapidly, they do not return to the book-case.")

The *Children's Work* should be taken by the Sabbath-school, as the only foreign missionary magazine for children, published by the Presbyterian Church.

Classes or members of classes subscribe, and pass the copies from one to another.

Teachers subscribe for one or more copies and lend them; the teachers calling special attention to the reading of them, by questions.

(Mrs. Schenck here made an earnest appeal for good articles for the magazines, especially for letters of general interest from children for the Children's Corner.)

Shall the Monthly Letter be continued?

"It is indispensable."

One Presbyterial society provides the Monthly Letter for weak auxiliaries.

Are the blanks for 1882 satisfactory?

More information concerning auxiliaries has been gathered through the blanks this year than ever before.

Suggested: That the item, "how much money raised?" be omitted from the blanks in the future, and that the financial report be between the Presbyterial treasurer and Presbyterial secretary and the treasurer of the Parent society, thus avoiding the troublesome discrepancies which occur every year between the Presbyterial treasurer's and secretary's reports. The suggestion was heartily received, and subsequently approved by the Executive Committee of the Parent society.

How can we pleasantly manage an individual who will not send her funds through the Board, lest it might not reach the special object for which she designs it?

Inform her that there are *exceptional cases* where the Parent society will send money to special objects which are not included in the estimates of the Board; but if each donor gives according to her own fancy merely, there would be partial dealing; one missionary receiving far more than her just proportion, while others suffer. Send to 1334 for the leaflet, "How the money goes."

How deal with one who insists upon sending her funds directly

to the treasurer in Philadelphia, instead of through the regular channel, the Presbyterial treasurer?

Suggested: Deal gently with the erring one, and endeavor to open her eyes to the beauty of systematic working, and to the painful jarring caused all along the line by friction.

Suggestion: Each Presbyterial president send for a copy of "Printed Suggestions to Treasurers," drawn up by a Presbyterial president for the use of her own Presbytery. Address Mrs. J. M. Fishburn, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, enclosing one cent postage.

MISCELLANEOUS SUGGESTIONS.

At every Presbyterial meeting there should be a special hour set apart for conference between Presbyterial officers and auxiliary presidents.

A similar conference for Presbyterial officers with the officers of young ladies' circles and mission bands.

Application should be made to Mrs. D. R. Posey, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, who has charge of the young people's work, for a list of articles for boxes designed for mission schools. This in order to avoid sending articles which may be inappropriate, by reason of difference in style of living, in climate and in taste. It is very desirable that extremes be avoided (extravagance is fatal), and that everything, however simple, be very *neatly made*, for the sake of example to the girls in these mission schools, many of whom learn from their patient teachers to use the needle exquisitely, both in plain sewing and in embroidery of every kind.

NO VACATION IN SUMMER IN THIS WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN.

The following resolution, presented by Mrs. Kirkwood, of Ohio, was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the Presbyterial delegates, pledge ourselves to communicate with all the auxiliaries in the bounds of the Presbyteries which we represent, for the purpose of stirring up more interest and zeal in the circulation of our magazines.

INFLUENCE OF CHRISTIAN WORK UPON THE SPIRITUAL LIFE.

PROGRESS is stamped upon all of God's creations, from a lily bud to man, His noblest work, and completeness is the end of all His creations. How great, yet how simple, is it all, step by step, yet so perfect; His law the same with His children as with the trees and flowers, yet so common is the miracle, it ceases to be a wonder.

The Bible is full of His loving commands. His "Go" and

"Come," and "Fear" and "Trust," are freighted with good things, and when we obey, the effect is seen at once in our spiritual life.

One never taking part in Christian work is like a stagnant pool, growing more corrupt from standing, while the active in true life are like "a well of water springing up to everlasting life." How a benevolent act warms the heart and sets the pulses tripping with desire to do more! Our natures are selfish and indolent, and our better faculties need pushing; the reward is in itself, we grow in grace.

Think you the Saviour was not weary when He questioned the Syrophenician woman? that He was not thirsty when He passed the grapes of Eschol on His way to relieve the sorrow of the widow of Nain? If we follow in His footsteps we must not weary in well doing.

CHRIST OUR PEACE.

After a discussion upon "Peace" in a Bible class in Dr. Kittredge's church, Chicago, a lady in distress came to the writer and asked,

"Pray tell me how I can obtain this peace of God!"

"Are you a Christian?"

"I am trying to be."

"What are you doing for Christ?"

"Nothing, nothing, and I have all my time."

"There is the Flower Mission, they need help."

"I had not thought of that; I should like it, I know," and the lady brightened.

"At the Temperance Rooms there's work, and be sure and join the Ladies' Missionary Society; they will give you work."

Six weeks later that lady called again, this time with radiant face.

"I'm so busy and so happy," she cried, "I'd like to tell you of some I've met in distributing flowers, such dear Christians; and of families I've induced to sign the pledge; of the Newsboys' Home where I play and sing three evenings in a week; of my first trip collecting for the Ladies' Missionary Society; of—but you are laughing."

"Yes, my friend, for joy; what have you found in all these?"

"Christ and Peace," was the hearty reply.

Sisters, Christ and Peace are all about you. Next door it may be some heart is waiting for an invitation or a word from you to burst the shell of selfishness.

God is waiting for you to get about His business, sorrowing that you do not find out the "height, and breadth, and depth of the riches of God's love." E. G. H.

THREE of Arabi's children, aged eight, ten and twelve years respectively, are in our mission school in Cairo, Egypt. The providence of God that has brought this about is wonderful. These children will soon be taught the great principles of the Christian religion, and they may be brought to embrace them. One of the female missionaries has also had an opportunity of conversing freely with the wife and mother-in-law of Arabi. Already the overruling providence of God in bringing good out of the late rebellion is manifest. The English are now the favorites, and the English influence the favorite one in the land. In consequence of this our mission schools have greatly increased in popularity, and some of them have not room for the many scholars that are seeking admission. Never before was the opening for missionary labor so wide, or the prospects of our mission so bright. The call becomes louder and louder to our church at home for more means and more laborers.—*From United Presbyterian Mission.*

MISS HARRIETTE EDDY will sail for Syria, July 14. Address, Sidon. Postage, five cents.

GOD is in that word *ought*, therefore it outweighs all but God.—*Joseph Cook.*

W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church.

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SUBJECT FOR PRAYER-MEETING.

ASSEMBLY ROOM, JULY 17, 1883, 12 M.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS.—*Text:* "He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor" (Ps. lxxii. 4).

A NEW edition of the Foreign Missionary Catechism will be issued as soon as the statistics of the present year are received.

A REQUEST comes from Miss Craig, of Dehra, which will apply to letters to all missionaries:—"Will the friends at home kindly give *in every letter* the *street* and *number*, as well as the town or

city and state, in which they reside, and the title Mrs. or Miss? This will save us a great deal of time and trouble."

PLEASE COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING RULES.

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THOSE who read our Thirteenth Annual Report carefully will notice a discrepancy between the number of auxiliaries and bands reported by the Home Secretary and the number found in the tabulated report. The reason of this is that some have ceased to exist and others have been organized, but the fact was not reported to the secretary in time for the annual assembly. We would urge all secretaries to report *immediately* the organization of any new society or band, or the discontinuance where one has expired.

STORY OF A MITE-BOX.—The sympathy of one of our earnest workers with the work of the children has brought from her heart and her pen this touching little story, which appeared in the May number of *Children's Work*, and which is thought worthy of being circulated in leaflet form. One cent apiece, or 10 cents a dozen.

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Clarion Pres., Bethesda Ch., Pa.
Dayton Pres., Middletown, O.
Erie Pres., Sheakleyville, Pa.
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Lehigh Pres., Audenried, Pa.
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Steubenville Pres., Linton; Ridge; Toronto, O.
Tennessee Synodical Society, Coal Creek; Mt. Zion, Tenn.
Washington Pres., Fairview; Unity, Pa.
Wooster Pres., Fredericksburg, O.

BANDS.

Dauphin, Pa., Junior Miss. Society.
Denison, Pa., Mission Band.
Green Hill, Pa., Y. L. B.
Harrisburg, Pa., Westminster Ch., Harriette Eddy Band; Pine St. Ch., Mary Campbell Band; Market Sq. Ch., Macedonian Band; Market Sq. Ch., Daniel Band (Boys).
Paxton, Pa., Cheerful Givers.
Philadelphia, Pa., Arch St. Ch., The King's Gardeners.
Powhatan Point, O., Busy Bees.
Schellsburg, Pa., Busy Bees.
Zelienople, Pa., Happy Band Mite Circle.

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Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from April 1, 1883.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY COM.—Allegheny, 1st, Aux., Miss'y and Gen. Fund, 124; Allegheny, 2d, Aux., Hos. Petchaburi, 33 48; Allegheny, Central, Aux., same, 101 30, Earnest Bd., 100; Allegheny, North, Aux., Miss'y Dehra, 300, Hodge Bd., same, 100, Louise Bd., 36; Allegheny, Valley Ch., Aux., Sao Paulo and Gen. Fund, 151 20, Willing Workers, sch'p Saharanpur, 40; Bakerstown Aux., 42 50; Beaver Aux., 58 74, Bd., 30; Bellevue Aux., sch'p Oroomiah, 15; Bethany Aux., 42, Bd., 63 10; Bethel Aux., 125; Bridgeville Aux., 64; Bridgewater Aux., Nez Perces and Gen. Fund, 48; Cannonsburg Aux., 30, Y. L. Soc., orphan Canton, 30, May Flower Bd., 9 52; Chartiers Aux., 25, Y. P. Soc., 46; Emsworth Aux., 37 50, Little Branches, 21 08; Glenfield Aux., 32 50; Hiland Aux., Petchaburi, 100; Homestead Aux., 23 90; Industry Aux., 6; Leetsdale Aux., 43 67; Mansfield Aux., 50, Children's Bd., 14; Millvale Aux., 47, Elongo Clemens Bd., sch'p Dehra, 30; Monongahela City Aux., 51 50; Mt. Pisgah Aux., work Chenanfou, 43 55, Bd., 12; Mt. Washington Aux., 139 25; Oakdale Aux., 25 45; Pittsburgh, 1st, Aux., Miss'y Allahabad and Gen. Fd., 705 60, Young Voyagers, 25, Light Bearers, 25, Hope Bd., 19 46, Espy Bd., 20, Louisa Lowrie, Chinese Home, 38 62, M. T. Murphy Bd., 13 12, Mr. Scovel's Cl., 16 80, Mrs. Daniel's Cl., 7 13, Miss Douglass' Cl., 11 35, Miss Davis' Cl., 6 75, S. S., 140 03; Pittsburgh, 2d, Adelaide Howard Bd., 22 73; Pittsburgh, 3d, Aux., Miss'y Japan, 500, S. S., same, 100, Y. P. Soc., 20; Pittsburgh, 6th, Aux., Miss'y Africa, 100; Pittsburgh, Bellefield, Aux. (60 B. R. Mynpurie), 331 80; Pittsburgh, East Liberty, Y. L. B., 200 10; Pittsburgh, Park Ave., Aux., Lodiana bld'g, 51 44; Pittsburgh, Shady Side, Aux., Miss'y Etawah, 244 25, Nassau Bd., same, 20, Busy Bees, sch'p Dehra, 40; Pittsburgh, South Side, Aux., nat. tea. Saharanpur, 25; Plains Aux., 22; Providence Aux., 28; Raccoon Aux., Petchaburi, 96 55; Sewickly Aux., Miss'y Kolapoor, 131 07; Sharpsburg Aux., sch. Canton, 112 33, Mrs. Maria Miller, 5, Lawrence Bd. (orphan Canton, 30), 74, Mite Soc., 24 10; Swissvale Aux., 100; Tarentum Aux., 19; Wilkinsburg Aux., Mexico, 74 57, S. M. Henderson Bd., sch'p, Ningpo, 45, Mite Gatherers, Med. Fund, 9 16; Blank, 25. 5704 77

REDSTONE. — Belle Vernon Aux., Miss'y, 31 15, Happy Workers, same, 25; Connellsville Aux., Miss'y and Gen. Fund, 116 30, Bd., 7 25; Dunbar Aux., Benita, 77, Loring Bd., Miss'y, 16; Dunlap's Creek, Med. Fund, 20; Long Run Aux., 30; McKeesport Aux., Miss'y Persia, Med. Fund and L. M., 233, Bd., Miss'y, 50 92; Mt. Pleasant Aux., sch'p Dehra, 60; Mt. Pleasant, Reunion, Aux., Miss'y and Gen. Fund, 75, Layyah Bd., 15 40; Mt. Vernon

Aux., 14 50; New Providence Aux., zenana work and Miss'y, 25; New Salem, Med. Fund, 5; Pleasant Unity Aux., Miss'y and Gen. Fund, 28 80, Trusting Bd., 6 86; Round Hill Aux., Miss'y, 50; Rehoboth Aux., Mexico, 36 61, Bd., 20 50; West Newton Aux., Sao Paulo bld'g, 30; Tyrone Aux., Miss'y, 57; Scottdale Aux., 10 50, Bd., 20. 1061 79

Rochester.—Sparta, 1st, Aux., Sao Paulo bld'g, 25 00

St. Clairsville.—Antrim Aux., 40; Barnesville Aux., 30, Sowers in Hope, 45; Bellaire, 1st, Aux., B. R. India, 55, Y. L. B., work Tungchow, 7; Bellaire, 2d, Aux., boys' sch. Lodiana, 10; Bethel Aux., 12 64; Beulah Aux., 6 78; Birmingham Aux., 2 33, Children's Circle, 82 cts.; Buffalo Aux., 24, Faith and Works Bd., Siam, 30, Children's Circle, same, 8 96; Cadiz Aux., sch'ps and day-sch. Canton, 180, Earnest Workers, Miss'y and Sao Paulo bld'g, 136; Cambridge Aux., sch'p Dehra, 25, Pearl Gatherers and Little Gleaners, Siam, 4, Mary Happer Bd., 52; Coal Brook, 6 50; Concord Aux., B. R. Lahore, 64; Freeport Aux., Miss'y, 23 90, Heart and Hand Bd., bld'g fund, 9 10; Kirkwood Aux., 59 29, Azalea Bd., 77 25; Lore City Aux., 8 50, Workers for Jesus, 3 50; Martinsville Aux., Miss'y, 68 70, Lilies of the Valley, same, 55 27, Y. L. B., 11; Morristown Aux., 27, Pansy Bd., 3 06; Mt. Pleasant Aux., work Laos, 28, Y. P. B., 30, Little Gleaners, Siam, 4 37; New Athens Aux., 65; Olive Aux., 20; St. Clairsville Aux., 195, Coral Gatherers, 55; Scotch Ridge Aux., 22; Senecaville, 17, Precious Jewels, 75 cts.; Short Creek, 40; Washington Aux., Miss'y, 11, Wayside Gleaners, Siam, 6 07; Wheeling Valley Aux., 6 25. 1587 04

St. Lawrence.—Adams Aux., 16; Brownsville Aux., sch'p Sidon, 12 50; Cape Vincent Aux., 17; Le Ray Aux., 11 85; Morristown, 20; Oswegatchie, 1st, Aux., 48, S. S., 7; 2d, Aux., 11 46; Oxbow Aux., sch'p Mynpurie and Miss'y, 30, Do What You Can Bd., 10; Potsdam, 35; Waddington Aux., 36; Watertown, 1st, Aux., sch. Mexico and Miss'y, 110, S. S., sch'p Shanghai and Miss'y, 57. 488 81

Shenango.—Hermon Aux., Miss'y Siam, 36 20; Little Beaver Aux., Miss'y Canton, 18; Pulaski Aux., 29 95, Bd., 6 75, Miss'y Siam; West Middlesex Aux., 2 sch'ps Canton, 16. 106 90

Steubenville.—Bacon Ridge Aux., 40; Beech Spring, 16 18; Bethel, 25; Bethesda, 24; Bethlehem, Tithes from A., 5; Buchanan Chapel, 10; Carrollton, 16; Corinth, 45; Dennison Aux., 60, Willing Workers, 2 50; East Liverpool Aux., 34 45; Harlem Aux., 27 40; Hopedale Aux., 14; Kilgore Aux., 6; Long's Run Aux., 27 25, Youths' Bd., 9 25; Linton Aux., 21 45; Madson, Loring Bd., 32 50; New Hagerstown Aux., 15; New Philadelphia Aux., 36; Oak Ridge Aux., 12; Ridge, Mrs. S. A. Patton, 5; Steubenville, Old Ch., Aux., 38, Y. P. Bd., 38 25; Steubenville, 1st, Aux., 30, Bd., 16; Steubenville, 2d, Aux. (B. R. Mynpurie, 50, Th.-off., Med. Fund, 27), 179, Idaho Bd., 65; Fem. Sem., B. R. Canton, 18; Salineville Aux., 25, Bd. of Hope, 10; Still Fork Aux., 9 60; Toronto, Sloan Mem., Aux., 16; Uhricksville Aux., sch. Saharanpur, 15; Waynesburg, 10; Wellsville Aux., 43 78 (all undesignated funds for missionaries California and Nez Perces). 1004 61

Syracuse. — Fulton Aux., zenana work, 24; Oswego, Grace Ch. Aux., sch'p Sidon, 50; Syracuse, Park Central, Aux., Miss'y Tokio, 225. 299 00

Union. — Caledonia Aux., 5 93; Chattanooga, 5 25; Knoxville Aux., 43 65, Bd., 3 94; Hebron Aux., 14 41; Spring Place Aux., 10 15; Westminster Aux., 15 95, all for Miss'y Japan. 99 28

Washington.—Burgettstown Aux., Miss'y Syria, 25, Y. L. B., Med. Fund, 3 10, Golden Chain Bd., sch'p Canton, 8 58; Claysville Aux., Miss'y Tungchow, 50, mite boxes, Med. Fund, 45 44, Aftermath Bd., tea. Sidon, 50; Cove Ch., Aux., 30 50, Earnest Helpers, Med. Fund, 6 50; Cross Creek, Loring Bd., Med. Fund, 24; E. Buffalo Aux., Miss'y Syria, 40, Y. L. B., same, 10; Fairview, mite boxes, Med. Fund, 11 50; Forks of Wheeling Aux., Miss'y Tungchow, 35, orphans of Miss'ys, 4, Bessie Shaw Bd., Sao Paulo bld'g, 13, Med. Fund, 18; Hookstown Aux., 12; Lower Ten Mile, B. R., Canton, 25; Mill Creek Aux., Miss'y and work Chenanfoo, 55, Little Reap-

ers, Med. Fund, 11 12; Moundsville Aux., Med. Fund, 29, Beacon Bd., Sao Paulo bld'g, 10, Y. L. B., 15, Mt. Olivet Aux., Miss'y and work Chenanfoo, 55; Mt. Pleasant Aux., Miss'y Syria, 25; New Cumberland Aux., same, 25, mite boxes, Med. Fund, 29; Pigeon Creek Aux., 32 50, Y. L. B., Miss'y Syria, 100 29; Three Springs Aux., same, 30; Upper Buffalo, Miss'y Tungchow, 12 50, McMillan Bd., sch'p Beirut, 12 12; Upper Ten Mile Aux., 15 05, mite boxes, Med. Fund, 24 60, Busy Bees, sch'p Shanghai, 38 50; Unity, Med. Fund, 13 27; Washington, 1st, Aux., Miss'y India, 75, Med. Fund, 23, Cornes Bd., 3 sch'ps Mynpurie, 25, June Rose Buds, 2 sch'ps Shanghai, 19 15, Fem. Sem., 4 L. M.'s, 100; Washington, 2d, Pansy Bd., 31 41, Olive Branch Bd., 14 32, Y. L. B., 16; Waynesburg Aux., Miss'y Syria, 27, mite boxes, Med. Fund, 20, Y. L. B., 7; W. Alexander Aux., Med. Fund, 50, Loring Circle, half sch'p Beirut, 40, Hold the Fort Bd., child of Miss'y, 5, Sao Paulo bld'g, 16, S. S., sch'p Dehra, 40; Wellsburg, 11 60; West Liberty Aux., Miss'y Syria, 20, Cunningham Bd., Med. Fund, 17; Wheeling 1st, Aux., Miss'y India, 104 57, Med. Fund, 31 98, Judge Cranmer's B. C., Hospital Petchaburi, 35, Cherith Bd., sch'p Dehra, 20, sch. Mexico, 10, Cunningham Bd., sch'p Gaboon, 10; Wheeling, 2d, Aux., Miss'y India, 54 50, Y. L. B, Miss'y Syria, 20; Wheeling, 3d, same, 25; Wheeling, Beach Glen Bd., Med. Fund, 17 50. 1840 60

Washington City.—Falls Ch. Aux., work Petchaburi, 10, Miss'y, 7 20; Hyattsville, 28; Manassas Aux., 16 50; Washington, 1st, Aux., 15, Bd., sch'p Dehra, 40; 4th Ch. Aux., work Wealaka, 178 78; 15th St. Ch. Aux., 6; Metropolitan Ch. Aux., 15, Mateer Bd., sch'p Tungchow and Mexico, 20; New York Ave. Aux., zenana visitor Lodiana, 150, Bethany Bd., sch. Mexico, 50; North Ch. Aux., 16; Western Ch. Aux., 34 85; West St. Aux., 17 (604 93), all undesignated funds for Miss'y Futtehgurh, less 2 25, expense of Pres. Soc. 602 68

West Jersey.—Atlantic City Aux., 34, Seaside Bd., sch'p, 50; Blackwood Bd., 40, Infant Class, Sao Paulo bld'g, 6; Bridgeton, 1st Ch. Aux., 62, Band, 70; 2d Ch. Aux., 34 50, Y. L. B., for B. R., Japan, 58 31; West Ch. Aux., 26, Band, 61 40, Willing Workers, 25, support Miss'y, India; Ivy Hall Bd., work Africa, 20; Cape May Aux., 24 42; Clayton Aux., 37 12; Cedarville Aux., 17; Deerfield Aux., 43; Glassboro' Aux., 10, S. S., 10 43; Greenwich Bd., Sao Paulo bld'g, 35; Millville Aux., 23 50, Band, 8 60; Merchantville Aux., 20 33; Pittsgrove Aux., 50, Y. L. B., 24; Salem Aux., 70, Band, 31, Sao Paulo bld'g; Swedesboro' Aux., 10; Woodbury Aux., 36, Y. P. Soc., 27 50; Woodstown Aux., 17 25, all undesignated funds for Miss'y Woodstock. 982 36

Westminster.—Bellevue Aux., sch. Saharanpur, 50; Centre Aux., Miss'y Nez Perces, 73; Chanceford Aux., Miss'y India, 85; Chestnut Level Aux., Miss'y, 43; Columbia Aux., Miss'y India, 100, Y. L. B., Miss'y Nez Perces, 9; Lancaster Aux., same, 100, Y. L. B., sch'p Teheran, 50; Little Britain, Miss'y, 20; Marietta Aux., same, 15; Middle Octorara, same, 20; Moneghan Aux., Lodiana bld'g, 6 68; Pequea Aux., Miss'y, 22; Leacock Aux., B. R., Allahabad, 30; Slateville Aux., sch. Mynpurie and Miss'y, 60; Stewartstown Aux., 43; Union Aux., sch. Lahore, 33; Wrightsville Aux., Miss'y, 30, York Aux., 200, Niles Bd., 75, Always Ready Bd., 25 (300), for Miss'y Gaboon: Cheerful Workers, sch'p Gaboon, 15. 1104 68

West Virginia.—Clarksburg Aux., 17 25; Fairmont Aux., 6; Grafton, 10; Hughes' River Aux., 3; Morgantown Aux., trav. expenses of Miss'y, 22 80, Anna Hunter Bd., 8; Parkersburg, 1st, Aux., trav. expenses of Miss'y, 37 26; Point Pleasant Aux., 2 50; Winfield, Band of Faith and Hope, Syria, 3 19. 110 00

Wooster.—Apple Creek Aux., 41, Ashland Aux., sch'p Canton and Gen. Fund, 55; Bellville Aux., 17, Bd., 5 16; Canal Fulton Aux., sch. Saharanpur, 9, Willing Workers, 4 25; Congress Aux., sch'p Kolapoor, 30; Doylestown Aux., 14 25; Hayesville Aux., 30 50, Y. P. B., sch., Canton, 80, Children's Bd., 2 14; Jackson Aux., 22; Lexington Aux., Laos, 20; Millersburg, Aux., 30 40; Mansfield Aux., 4; Orrville Aux., 8 78, Y. L. B., 18; Orange Aux., 10; Plymouth Bd., 10; Perrysville Aux., 16; Savannah Aux., tea. train-

ing sch., Canton, 18 12; Shreve Aux., 15; Wayne Aux., 6; West Salem Aux., 15; Wooster, 1st, Aux., 46, Y. L. Soc., sch'ps, Canton and Gen. Fund, 60; Wooster, Westminster Aux., 57 35, Y. L. Soc., 28, S. S., 10. 682 95

ZANESVILLE.—Brownsville Aux., 23; Chandlersville Aux., 30; Clark Aux., 17 50; Concord Aux., 22 75, Miss. Circle, 12 11, sch., Saharanpur and Gen. Fund; Pleasant Hill Bd., 20; Coshocton Aux., 41; Dresden Aux., 25, Mercy Drops, sch'p Beirut, 60; Duncan's Falls Aux., 25; Fredericktown Aux., 16, Y. L. B., sch'p Yokohama and Gen. Fund, 45; High Hill Aux., 20; Homer Aux., 8 91; Jersey Aux., 20 20; Keene Aux., 13 05; Madison Aux., 25; Martinsburg Aux., 16 79, Y. L. B., 4 25; Mt. Vernon Aux., 31 75; Mt. Zion Aux., 21, We Will Bd., Jedaideh bld'g, 3; Muskingum Aux., 35 92; Newark, 1st, Aux., 32 12; Newark, 2d, Aux., 173 13; Norwich Aux., sch., Saharanpur, 25, Y. L. B., 22 45; Pataskala Aux., 50; Roseville Aux., 5; Uniontown Aux., 11; Utica Aux., 33 50, Helping Hands, sch'p Ningpo, 6 50; Cheerful Workers, 5 25; Zanesville, 1st, Aux., 13 91; Zanesville, Putnam Aux., 12 53, Y. L. B., 8 88, Mrs. C. C. Potwin, Oroomiah Hospital, 25; Zanesville, 2d, Aux., 67, Y. L. B., 15. 1044 20

LEGACIES.—Mrs. A. V. R. Constable, dec'd, Phila., 1522 50; Interest on Lapsley legacy, 50. 1572 50

MISCELLANEOUS.—K., Beirut bld'g, 25; Tarentum, Pa., Miss Belle Dickey, Sao Paulo bld'g, 5; Plainfield, N. J., Mrs. E. V. G., 2; Pelham Manor, N. Y., Mrs. W. P. Stevenson, Beirut bld'g, 10; Leetsdale, little girls' fair, for sch., Gaboon, 8 31; Phila., a friend, Sao Paulo bld'g, 50; Manchester, Vt., Mrs. A. C. Reed, nat. tea. Tokio, 100; Lima, N. Y., Mrs. Azariah Smith th. off., 10; Perth Amboy, N. J., J. A. Hall, 1; Cash, 14 50; Cash, 1 95; collected by Miss Loring, Mt. Lebanon Retreat, 1147; sale of Historical Sketches, 39 70; sale of leaflets, etc., 37 05; interest on deposits, 137 63. 1589 14

Total for April, 1883,	$54,002 32
Previously acknowledged,	67,184 08
Total for year ending April 30, 1883,	$121,186 40

FROM MAY 1, 1883.

BLAIRSVILLE. — Blairsville, Seminary Bd., Miss'y Laos, 8 30; Congruity Aux., 28; Johnstown Aux., 5, Y. L. B., 12; Murrysville, Bright Eye Bd., 10; Pine Run Aux., 20; Verona Aux., 10, Children's Bd., 6 65. 99 95

CHESTER.— Bryn Mawr, Earnest Workers, B. R. Gaboon, 18; Fairview Aux., 6; Unionville Aux., 7. 31 00

CLARION.—Edenburg Aux., 14; Pisgah Aux., B. R. Chefoo, 30. 44 00

EAST FLORIDA.—St. Augustine, S. S., Lodiana bld'g, 20 00

ERIE.—North East, Willing Workers, bld'g fund, 7 00

KITTANNING.—Clinton Aux., Miss'y Siam, 22 25; Freeport Aux., same, 25; Glade Run Aux., Miss'y Lodiana, 37 50; Indiana Aux., 44; Leechburg Aux., Miss'y Siam, 2 75, Little Libbie Park's dying gift, 2 72; Tunnelton Aux., 14. 148 22

LACKAWANNA. — Scranton, 2d Ch., Mrs. F. E. Nettleton, L. M., 25 00

MORRIS AND ORANGE. — Chatham Aux., 5; East Orange, Willing Workers, Sidon Sem., 50, Medical Cl., Canton, 50, work Talaguga, 50; Orange, 1st, Aux., 100. 255 00

OTSEGO.—Worcester Aux., Miss'y Chenanfou, 20 00

PHILADELPHIA. — Calvary Aux., Dehra bld'g, 36; Walnut St. Ch., two members, printing tracts Mexico, 2, Panalla bld'g, 3, Dehra bld'g, 3 50. 44 50

PHILADELPHIA CENTRAL. — Bethlehem Aux., sch'p Dehra, 20; 1st Ch. N. L., Little Gleaners, sch'p Kolapoor, 30; North Ch., B. L. Agnew Bd., 25, Light Bearers, 10, both bld'g fund; West Arch St. Aux., Dehra bld'g, 50; Little Gardeners of N. 22d St., 5. 140 00

ST. LAWRENCE.—Sackett's Harbor Aux., Miss'y Futtehgurh, 23 00

SHENANGO. — Mt. Pleasant Aux., Miss'y Canton, 47; Neshannock Aux., Miss'y Japan, 92; Sharon Aux., Miss'y Siam, 20. 159 00

STEUBENVILLE.—Two Ridges Aux., Miss'y California, 20 00

SYRACUSE.—Onondaga Valley Aux., 10; Syracuse, 4th Ch., Children's Bd., Chinese Home and sch. Rio Claro, 10. 20 00

WASHINGTON CITY.—New York Ave. Aux., zenana visitor Lodiana, 66 67

WELLSBORO'. — Coudersport Aux., 5 33; Elkland, 7 67; Kane, 8; Mansfield, 7 03; Nelson, Catrine Bd., 6 66; Osceola, 6 98; Tioga, 6 40; Wellsboro', 8 40, all sch. Syria. 71 73

WEST VIRGINIA.—Parkersburg, Calvary Ch., Emma Bush Bd., sch'p Allahabad, 7 00

WOOSTER. — Chester Aux., 10 30; Hopewell Aux., 10. 20 30

MISCELLANEOUS. — Conshohocken, Pa., Mrs. J. G. Symmes, 1; Easton, Pa., a friend, 5; Houtzdale, Pa., Mrs. Peter Cameron, bld'g and Med. funds, 20; Lock Haven, Pa., M. P. W., Dehra bld'g, 2; New Cumberland, W. Va., Miss Aurie Edie, pet lamb, 1; Orange, N. J., C., 1; Phelps, N. Y., an invalid girl, Siam and Africa, 50 cts.; Philadelphia, M. B. M., bld'g funds, 10; Mrs. Jane Page, 10; A friend, thankoff., Dehra bld'g, 20; Sharpsburg, Md., Mrs. G. F. Smith, 5; Sale of Historical Sketches, 31 54; Sale of Leaflets, 45 66. 152 70

Total for May, 1883, $1375 07

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June 1, 1883.

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PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE.

TO BE READ AT THE MONTHLY MEETINGS IN JULY.

Acts xii. 1–17. *Golden Text for the Month.*—Matt. xviii. 20. —"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Ashley, Ill.
Blue Springs, Neb.
Conrad Grove, Iowa.
Denver, Col., Highland Ch.
Detroit, Memorial Ch., Cheerful Laborers.
Du Quoin, Ill., Pearl Divers.
Flora, Ill.
Hyde Park, Ill., Girls' Missionary Soc.
Joliet, Ill., 1st Ch., Young People's Society.
Leadville, Col., Willing Workers.
Marquette, Mich., Mission Band.
Meridian, Neb.
Midland City, Mich.
Mt. Clemens, Mich., S. S.
New Sharon, Iowa.
Oconto, Wis., S. S. Band.
Pawnee City, Neb., W. M. S. and Mission Band.
Salem, Neb.

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Miss Carrie S. Weed, Ypsilanti, Mich.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions for the Northwest, to April 20, 1883.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ALTON. — Brighton, 13; Willing Workers, 2; Carlinville, Monterey sch'p, 15; Carlyle, 4 50; Apple Blossoms, 6; Shipman, 5 30; Virden, 22 50. 68 30

BLOOMINGTON.—Presbyterial Society, thank-off., 131 00

CEDAR RAPIDS.—Vinton, sal. Misses Jewett and Pratt, 32 00

CHICAGO.—Arlington Heights, 8 93; Austin, 5 68; Cheerful Workers, 10; Chicago, 1st, 389 80; Canton sch., 12; Bangkok sch'p, 7 50; H. M., 35; 2d, 12 05; Tabriz sch., 48 30; B. R., Ambala, 10 50; 3d, 61 04, S. S., 200, both for Miss Cumming's outfit; 4th, 116 25; sal. Miss Green, 40; S. S. Pioneers, Osaka bld'g, 50; Laos bld'g, 70; Y. P., 4; Mothers' Mite Soc., 11 43; Mrs. J. S. Oliver, 2; 6th, sal. Miss Downs, 101 35; Y. L., Rio Claro sch'p, 8 62; S. S., 150, Band, 27 48, both sal. Miss Downs; 8th, 100; S. S., Armor Bearers, 40, sal. Grace Reid, 30 (70); Jefferson Park Ch., sal. Miss Downs, 181 25; Fullerton Ave. Ch., sch'ps Brazil and China, 90; Du Page Ch., 30; Elwood, 5; Englewood, 92 13; Evanston, 107 10; Homewood, 16; Hyde Park, 20; Joliet, 1st, 36 68; Y. P., 11; Central Ch., 25 03; Kankakee, 36; Lake Forest, Madame W. H. Ferry, Brazil sch'p, 60; S. S., Oroomiah sch'p, 30; Ferry Hall Soc., Mexico and Laos sch'ps, 75; Mt. Forest S. S., 4; Peotone, 55 85; S. S., 9 30; Wilmington, 39 25. 2475 52

COUNCIL BLUFFS. — Fairview, 2; Villisca, sal. Monterey, 50 cts.; Walnut, Miss F. C. Cramer, 10. 12 50

CRAWFORDSVILLE.—Attica, 5; Delphi, 31 88; Eugene, 8; Newtown, 8; Rockfield, 5; Williamsport, 5. 62 88

DES MOINES.—Chariton, 3 75; Des Moines, 37 50; Y. L., 18; East Des Moines, 20; Hartford, 6; Indianola, 6 25; Knoxville, 25; Lineville, 10; New Sharon, 6 10; Osceola, 15; S. S., 12 50; Oskaloosa, 25, all sal. Miss Cochrane; S. Des Moines, 3; Dexter, 11 55. 199 65

DETROIT. — Birmingham, Ready Helpers, Indian pupil, 6 05; Dearborn, 3 05; Detroit, Westminster Ch., Y. L., sch'p China, 40; Fort St. Ch., Rhea Bd., 60; Pierson, sch. India, 40; Tokio sch'p, 50; Holly, 7; Southfield; Oroomiah sch'p, 16; Stony Creek, 21, S. S., 9. 252 10

DUBUQUE.—Independence, Sac and Fox Miss., 5; West Union, 10. 15 00

FREEPORT.—Belvidere, 21 50; S. S., Easter thank-off., 8 50; Galena, South Ch., 25; Harvard, 1 80, H. M.; Marengo, 100. 156 80

HURON.—Presbyterial off., 7; Fremont, Do Something Bd., 40 38; Huron, Ningpo sch., 25; Melmore, 12 50. 84 88

INDIANAPOLIS. — Indianapolis, 1st, sal. Mrs. Van Hook, 35 50

IOWA CITY.—Washington, Sac and Fox Mission, 9 20

KALAMAZOO. — Constantine, 2 45; Niles, 35. 37 45

LANSING.—Parma, Laos bld'g, 6 00

MAUMEE.—Delta, 10; Madison Ch., 8. 18 00

MILWAUKEE.— Milwaukee, Immanuel Ch., 62 50; Y. L., sal. Miss Cundall, 37 50. 100 00

NEBRASKA CITY. — Alexandria, 2; Fairbury, 5. 7 00

NEW ALBANY.—New Albany, W. S. Culbertson, sal. Miss Hesser, 500 00

OTTAWA.—Aurora, 6 36; Au Sable Grove, 29 03; Elgin, 8; Oswego, 6; Mendota, 70; Paw Paw Grove, 10; Union Grove, B. R. Siam, 12. 141 39

ROCK RIVER.—Geneseo, 10 27; Armor Bearers, 3 50; Miss Ida Woolsey, 3 50. 17 27

SCHUYLER. — Kirkwood, 25; Macomb, 38; Quincy, 27. 90 00

SOUTHERN DAKOTA.—Huron, Benga pub., 32 20

VINCENNES.—Terre Haute, Central Ch., sal. Mrs. Warren, 15 00

WINNEBAGO.—Fond du Lac, Benita Band, 30 00

MEMORIAL FUND.—By sale of "A Brief Record," 21 50

MISCELLANEOUS.—Mrs. J. V. Farwell, trav. ex., 5; bal. from sub. and amounts paid for leaflets and reports, Iowa and Canada, 1; Miss S. C. Woolsey, 2; Medical Committee, 10; by *Interior* sub's, Cairo, Iowa, 1; Granville, O., 1; Chicago, Ill., 1; Jacksonville, Ill., 1; Societies—Muscatine, Iowa, 1; Wilton, Iowa, 2; Detroit, Mich., Westminster Ch., 2; Misc., 65 cts. (5 65), for pub. Report. By sale

of Historical Sketches, 3 80; Leaflets, 8 35. 39 80

From April 12 to April 20,	4,590 94
From March 20 to April 12,	14,342 57
Total for April, 1883,	18,933 51
Previously acknowledged,	36,429 93
Total since April 20, 1882,	$55,363 44

BLOOMINGTON.—Danville, Apple Blossoms, China, 5; Pontiac, Oroomiah sch'p, 11. 16 00

CAIRO.—Centralia, Bd., Laos sch'p, 6 25; Du Quoin, 17; Richland Ch., Oroomiah Hos., 25. 48 25

CEDAR RAPIDS.—Linn Grove Ch., 5 00

CHICAGO.—Arlington Heights, S. S., 24 82; Chicago, 1st, 81; 2d, H. M., 2 50; Tabriz sch., 46 90; 3d, Miss Cumming's outfit, 150; 4th, 6; 5th, 18 50, Y. P., 45, both sal. Miss Wishard; 6th, Y. L., outfit Miss C., 18; Jefferson Park Ch., 50 cts. additional; S. S., Chieng Mai, 25; Rio Claro sch'p, 60; Westminster Ch., Y. P., Laos boys, 25; Hyde Park, 50 28; Y. L., 40; S. S., 62; Inf. Cl., 2 (154 28), sal. Miss Wirt; Mrs. R., personal, 5; Lake Forest, 102; "Rhea Bed," Persian Hospital, 25; Y. P., 24 36; Steady Streams, 29 36. 843 22

CHIPPEWA.—West Salem, 11 50

COUNCIL BLUFFS.—Council Bluffs, Y. L., Monterey sch'p, 100 00

CRAWFORDSVILLE.—Centre Ch. S. S., Shanghai sch'p, No. 22, 40 00

DES MOINES.—S. Des Moines, 1 40

DETROIT.—Ann Arbor, Willing Workers, 5; Birmingham, 3; Brighton, 3 10; Detroit, Jefferson Ave. Ch., 25; Westminster Ch., 7; Y. L., Teheran sch., 10; Central Ch. S. S., 5; Fort St. Ch., 10; Rhea Bd., 10; 1st, 7 50; Franklin, 2 50; Holly, 1 65; Howell, 15 50; Y. L., 14; Milford, 10; Sunbeams, 10; Mt. Clemens, 6 25; Pontiac, 10; Stony Creek, 6 25; Ypsilanti, 27 75; The Gleaners, 50 cts.; Y. L., 5; in memoriam for Miss Hattie Weed, 5, Total th.-off., (200); Mrs. C. H. Buhl, 25; Mrs. David Whitney, 25; Mrs. David Barclay, 25; Mr. Thos. Berry, 25; Gen. R. A. Alger, 25; Mr. Emory Wendell, 25; Memorial Ch., 25; Fort St. Ch. S. S., 25; Rev. A. P. Tinker, 25, each for Persian Hospital; Miss Weed, 5; two children, 10 cts.; 1st Ch., 2; for postage on "Interior" sent to India, 1 04. 433 14

GRAND RAPIDS.—Grand Rapids, H. P., th.-off., 5 00

INDIANAPOLIS.—Memorial Ch., 5; 2d, Rev. A. T. Pierson, Persian Hospital, 25. 30 00

IOWA.—Middletown, Band, 30 05; Morning Sun, 39. 69 05

KALAMAZOO.—Constantine, Cheerful Givers, pupil in India, 12 50

LIMA.—Findlay, Lilies of the Field, 35 00

MAUMEE.—Defiance, Willing Hearts, sch'p, 59 50; Eagle Creek, 6; 1st, Toledo, 7 34; South Toledo, Tokio, 6 25; West Bethesda, 20. 99 09

MONROE.—Adrian S. S., Baraka sch'ps, 50 00

MUNCIE.—Marion, 6 25; Sharpsville, 5 80; Wabash, 26. 38 05

NEBRASKA CITY.—Brownville, 50 00

NEW ALBANY.—Hanover, 12 00

OTTAWA.—Aurora, S. S., pupil Mynpurie, 6 25; Elgin, 10 50; Rochelle, 27. 43 75

RED RIVER.—Fargo, Mrs. E. H. Dickson, work among lepers in Sabathu, 5 00

SAGINAW.—Lapier, hospital bed, 25; Presbyterial Society, 30. 55 00

ST. PAUL.—Minneapolis, Westminster Ch., sal. Mrs. Mateer, 52 60; S. S., Dehra sch'p, 42 58; St. Paul, Central Ch., Y. L., Osaka bld'g, 25. 120 18

SCHUYLER.—Appanoose, 25; Camp Point, 30; Hamilton, 6 50; Monmouth, 22; Prairie City, 18 50; Rushville, 50; Gifts at Pres. Meeting, 4 10. 156 10

MEMORIAL FUND.—By sale of "A Brief Record," Laos sch., 17 70

MISCELLANEOUS.—Miss Lilian Green, thank-off., 5; Mrs. J. E. Johnstone, thank-off., 5; other gifts at Annual Meeting, 175 60; Michigan Synodical Society, 10; Mem. gift, 50 cts.; Miss H., 1; Central College, Band, Mrs. A. E. W. R., 10; By sale of photographs of Mrs. Van Hook, for Tabriz bld'g, 6 20; photographs of Mrs. Hoge, 9; Historical Sketches, 5 90; Leaflets, 6 14; Onarga, Ill., pub. Rep., 1. 235 34

Total to May 20, 1883, $2532 27

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